

REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a set of claims for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has directed that the election be made between various transition metals, M, in an alloy of Al-Cu-M or Al-Pd-M. Specifically, the Examiner has determined that the transition metals Fe, Ru, Ni, Mn, Cr or Co are patentably distinct.

Applicant elects the species where M is Fe (iron). Therefore, Applicant withdraws claims 13 and 54 from consideration. Claims 1-12, 14-53, 55-70 and 94-97 are readable upon the elected species.

In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0714/LYNN-0172 of the firm of the below-signed attorney in the amount of any necessary fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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